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SUBJECT: PRIME MINISTER SOUVANNA PHOUMA

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1. I SPOKE WITH DR. KLINKS THIS MORNING AND WE AGREE THAT THERE IS NO PRESENT NEED FOR THE C-9 TO REMAIN IN VIENTIANE. IT WILL DEPART FOR CLARK THIS AFTERNOON (ETD 1500). DR. KLINKS, NURSE JESKE, AND CORPSMAN DUMFFORD WILL CONTINUE TO PROVIDE MEDICAL ASSISTANCE HERE.

2. DR. KLINKS REPORTS THAT WHILE THE PRIME MINISTER'S CONDITION IS RELATIVELY STABLE, THE EXTENT OF DAMAGE WAS GREATER THAN THOUGHT EARLIER. SOUVANNA IS A VERY SICK MAN AND IF HE DOES SURVIVE, IT WILL BE AT LEAST SEVERAL MONTHS BEFORE
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HE COULD BE ABLE TO RESUME MODERATE POLITICAL ACTIVITY.

3. PRINCE SOUPHANOUVONG CAME TO THE PRIME MINISTER'S RESIDENCE THIS MORNING, WITH HIS ENTOURAGE OF 30 BODYGUARDS. WE DO NOT YET KNOW WITH WHOM HE SPOKE. THERE IS, OF COURSE, A GREAT DEAL OF POLITICAL HUSTLE AT SOUVANNA'S HOUSE AS VARIOUS LUMINARIES DROP IN TO GET NEWS.

4. THE INTERNATIONAL COLLEGIUM OF DOCTORS IS WORKING HARMONIOUSLY AND EFFECTIVELY BUT THE NEED TO MAKE QUICK DECISIONS HAS TO BE ANTICIPATED AND DR. KLICKS WILL BROACH THIS SUBJECT DELICATELY THIS AFTERNOON.

5. MEDICAL REPORT WILL BE FORWARDED SEPTEL.
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